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Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Letter of Support, AT&T/T-Mobile Merger

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

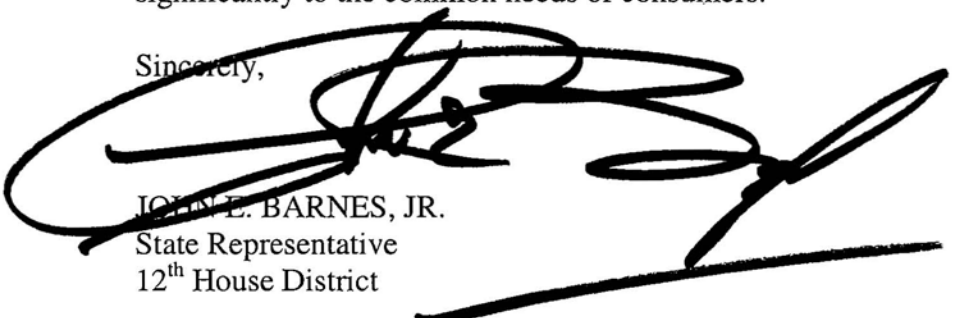
I write in further pursuit of other community interest to offer my support for the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile. The acquisition will undoubtedly benefit communities, consumers, and workers alike by expanding access to broadband coverage and modernizing America's network infrastructure. In support, AT&T's merger will have a positive effect with the following:

1. The acquisition will increase broadband coverage benefitting students and supplying more opportunities to educational resources for OGT, SAT, and ACT;
2. The acquisition will increase access to high speed wireless technology for rural and smaller communities; and
3. As a direct result of this acquisition, Ohioans will receive a strong nationwide calling network.

I must note that AT&T is the only major U.S. wireless company with a strong union workforce, offering top wages, benefits, training and professional development for its employees. This strong workforce is critical in a time when access is an important tool for connecting to community resources, and employment opportunities. AT&T's commitment to bringing high speed internet across all borders makes the possibility of the merger all the more exciting and beneficial for the working middle class.

I encourage you to favorably consider the AT&T/T-Mobile merger, which I think will contribute significantly to the common needs of consumers.

Sincerely,


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